GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3729
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PURCHASE OF TOWELS
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL floated recently a tender for purchase of towels from reputed manufacturers/their authorized distributors in violation of the decision taken on November 27, 1988 to fix the amount to be paid in cash to workers on the basis of most competitive rate of towels of renowned manufacturers;

(b) if so, whether the Kendriya Bhandar has awarded for tender;

(c) whether there is no specification of the towels on the bills of Kendriya Bhandar; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) In May, 1998, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) had decided to reimburse cash to its employees for towels. In view of demand from staff union in August, 2000, the earlier decision was reviewed and a decision was taken to procure towels.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): Kendriya Bhandar enclosed with the bills, test report of the towel as per MTNL`s specification from Northern India Textile research Association (NITRA), Government approved test house.